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SUBJECT: OULD DADDAH'S OPENING PEKING SPEECH

1. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE SEEN FBIS REPORT OF OULD DADDAH'S SEPTEMBER 17 SPEECH AT THE BANQUET IN PEKING GIVEN BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING. THE CHINESE NCNA REPORT DOCTORED TWO SECTIONS OF THE SPEECH. IT OMITTED A SENTENCE TOWARD THE FIRST OF THE MAURITANIAN'S DISCUSSION OF THE SPANISH SAHARA IN WHICH HE SAID EXPLICITLY HE WAS TALKING ABOUT "THE LIBERATION OF THE PART OF THE SAHARA UNDER SPANISH CONTROL." IT REMAINED IN THE CHINESE VERSION CARRIED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY. FRENCH SPEAKERS AT THE BANQUET TELL US OULD DADDAH ALSO SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF MEETING ONCE AGAIN WITH CHOU EN-LAI, APPARENTLY A NOT SO SUBTLE EFFORT TO PRESSURE THE CHINESE FOR AN INTERVIEW. BY SLIPPING IN A SUBJUNCTIVE, NCNA ATTEMPTED TO CHANGE THE FLAT STATEMENT INTO AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE.

2. COMMENT: WITH CHOU AILING, NCNA'S NERVOUSNESS ABOUT A MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND OULD DADDAH IS HARDLY SURPRISING. THE EDITING OUT OF THE REFERENCE TO THE SPANISH-CONTROLLED SAHARA

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BUT PUBLICATION OF THE REST OF THE SPEECH SEEMS TO BE A

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